

Executive Committee Notes

Friday 11th December 2020

Present

Tiana Dinard-Samuel, Vice President Communities (TDS)
 Jack Juckes, Vice President Welfare (JJ)
 Cameron Storey, Vice President Humanities & Social Sciences (CS)
 Shamima Akter, President (SA)

In attendance:

Alvin Ramsamy, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (AR)

Apologies

Mat Robathan, Vice President Barts and The London (MR)
 Aphrodite Liddington, Vice President Science & Engineering (AL)

Notes of the meeting

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1	<p>Cameron Update</p> <p>PHD Campaign – met to discuss the campaign with the organizers. Online Exam Supplier Presentation – attended this with Aphrodite, took half a day. Looking at the system the University will use to conduct exams. Adviser Training – attended and hosted this Recruitment and Strategy Board – attended, not sure he needs to attend future meeting Election Incentives – discussed this internally with staff and Shamima. Education Excellence Awards – attended the start of the ceremony. Online Exam Project – attended this, feedback on proctoring do not believe its accessible right now. Festival of Education – group met, taking place in March celebrating the best of Queen Mary. Aphrodite and Mat involved. Post Grad Celebrations – attended some of these and gave speech. Senate – attended this meeting. Board of Trustees – took place this week, attended along with the rest of Exec. HSS Board – took place this week.</p>	<p><i>Initials</i></p>
2	<p>Jack Update</p> <p>Student Disciplinary – met ARCS to discuss an upcoming complex case. Advisor Training – met Uni staff to discuss this, was a productive meeting. Knowledge Exchange – attended the initiative to help external and student trustees, there was a presentation and discussion on the Higher Education Landscape All Party Parliamentary Group – attended this on Citizen Rights, with the NUS VP HE and Tiana to discuss Brexit, Covid and other issues that were affecting students, such as international and immigration. Seemed to take onboard what was being said but not sure what practical change will come. Working on an Open Letter to the home secretary. Access & Participation - met Union staff to discuss the University group and how to take forward certain work such as support for Care Leavers. Project Talk – progressed this with Tiana, and Union staff. Connecting Practice – on a panel for the SMD, talking to students about experiences on placement and self-care.</p>	
3	<p>Tiana Update</p> <p>Post Grad Celebrations – recorded a speech for one of these as had a clash. Antisemitism Awareness Month – met Jsoc to continue planning for the campaign. Met with the University, various student and society leaders about Holocaust Memorial Day. Looking at getting a survivor in for a talk, if possible and safe for them to do si with Covid. Islamophobia Awareness Month – approaching ISoc to discuss the debrief and evaluation of the month, ACT – met with Shamima and Jack to discuss the upcoming campaign.</p>	

	<p>EDI Discussion Group – being part of these. Disability Awareness Training – attending this later today, organized by our student rep. Race and Ethnicity Working Group – attended this, developing list of terminology to send to REAG.</p>	
4	<p>Shamima Update Principal – met with him on Monday, was productive, discussed Semester two and ensuring enough face to face teaching. Schools will send information to students. Discussed the interpretation of the staggered return. VP People, Culture & Inclusion – met with her with Tiana. ACT – progressing on this, launching a pilot campaign in Jan Election – attending the election working group meeting. Board of Trustees – prepared for that. MOA Panel – writing a paper on student council polices for this group.</p>	
7	<p>Matters Arising Residences – discussed rumors of students leaving halls, will ask for an update and to check if students are being treated fairly in the process (e.g. refunds), as well as raise with University about improving the student experience.</p>	

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